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SUBJECT:

Contribution of Foreign Service Reporting to
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1. Foreign Service reporting is one of the major and fundamental sources of information for national policy and decision makers. In addition to serving the needs of the Department in its normal functions, this reporting provides a large part of the data used in daily and weekly national intelligence summaries, read by the nation's leadership, and in topical or other longer range intelligence studies prepared for policy officials. As the number of regular reporting officers overseas has declined during the last several years, it has become increasingly important to make sure that an adequate flow of timely information is maintained.

2. The Department has agreed to work with key national intelligence production offices of the Central Intelligence Agency when they wish to provide missions abroad with brief and informal feedback on their current reporting. We believe this will assist missions by:

- A. Identifying particularly valuable reporting.
- B. Providing indications of the uses to which the posts reporting is being put, informally alerting the post, where appropriate, to specific projects or studies in preparation.
- C. Sharpening the focus of the periodic intelligence guidance by identifying areas of special

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current interest or specific points on which more information is needed.

3. With a view to maintaining simplicity and informality, the following ground rules have been agreed upon by offices participating:

A. Comments are encouraged from offices or individual analysts on a voluntary basis.

B. Communications may be addressed to overseas posts, sections, or individuals as appropriate. To keep clear their unofficial status, comments will be written in the form of letters or informal memoranda.

C. All such communications will be forwarded from the originating office to INR/DDC/OIL for transmission through Department of State channels to the post concerned. INR or the Desks may attach any appropriate comments and will assure that interested State officers are fully informed.

D. These communications have no formal status and should not be referred to in official reporting or assessments of reporting. Reporting requirements will continue to be transmitted to missions through established channels in official formats as in the past.

E. Substantive data or analyses stimulated by such communications are to be included in normal post reporting to assure full dissemination to the Washington community and other interested posts.

4. This activity is intended to supplement normal State reporting guidance, and the periodic lists of topics of intelligence interest. It provides framework and encouragement for more specific and timely interaction with some of the principal consumers of overseas reporting. The Department will welcome post comment on the utility of these new approaches as experience is gained with them.

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